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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of January 28, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 7 of this paper.